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Facebook Inc. on Wednesday rolled out new features for its live video product, a major challenge to Twitter Inc.'s Periscope live-streaming service, and Snapchat's video features. Facebook Live, which offers streaming video, added a host of features to make it easier for users to find and share clips from friends, celebrities and media companies, marking its biggest push yet into real-time video. REUTERS

FERGUSON REJECTS PROPERTY TAX TO FUND JUSTICE DEPT. DEAL

2 Voters in Ferguson, Missouri, rejected a property tax increase that would have helped fund changes to its police department required by the U.S. Justice Department after the city erupted in violence following the shooting of a black teenager in 2014. A new sales tax did pass, but the city will still be left with a financial shortfall as the property tax proposal did not meet the required two-thirds threshold to be enacted. The city may try to put the proposal on the ballot again in August. "There is still a deficit," Ferguson Mayor James Knowles said on Wednesday, the day after the vote. "There is still a gap." The fatal shooting of unarmed Michael Brown, 18, by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson, who is white, exposed friction between the city government and the largely black community. Ferguson erupted into violent protests after a grand jury chose not to indict the officer. A U.S. investigation released in 2015 found systemic racial bias by police targeted blacks and created a "toxic environment" in Ferguson. REUTERS

NO PRISON FOR GULF SPILL, FINAL DEFENDANT GETS PROBATION

3 A former BP rig supervisor who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill was sentenced to 10 months of probation on Wednesday, concluding a federal criminal case in which no one received prison time over the disaster. Donald Vidrine, 68, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval in New Orleans, in accordance with a plea agreement in which the defendant admitted to the negligent discharge of oil, a Clean Water Act violation. Vidrine and another supervisor aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig had been accused by the U.S. Department of Justice of failing to properly conduct necessary pressure tests before the April 20, 2010 blowout of BP's Macondo oil well. The blowout caused the deaths of 11 workers and the largest U.S. offshore oil spill. REUTERS

Pedestrians cross Roosevelt Boulevard in North Philadelphia, April 6, 2016. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Dangerous Roosevelt Blvd. gets safety grant

$5 million in subsidies will fund study on how to make busy road safer for motorists and pedestrians.

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The 12-lane divided highway that serves as the spine of Northeast Philadelphia is often referred to as a "death trap" among locals, but soon Roosevelt Boulevard will be getting the safety improvements it desperately needs.

On Wednesday, Mayor Jim Kenney announced the "Route for Change" program, a series of public forums and studies funded by a $2.5 million U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER grant, combined with $2.5 million from the city, SEPTA and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, that's promised to transform the boulevard for good.

"It's unacceptable that in the past five years, there have been almost 3,000 reportable crashes. As a result, there have been over 50 fatalities — 20 of which were pedestrians walking along the boulevard," Kenney said at a press conference Wednesday.

"It is unacceptable that pedestrians and bicyclists have to cross 12 lanes of high-speed vehicular traffic — which is the length of a football field. ... These statistics illustrate the consensus that the boulevard just is not working, and has not worked for quite some time."

A study conducted by State Farm Insurance in 2001 designated Roosevelt Boulevard one of the most dangerous roadways in the country, with the intersections of Red Lion Road and Grant Avenue the second- and third-most dangerous intersections in the country, respectively. In 2004, the city installed the first red light camera in Philadelphia on the boulevard.

Kenneth McClain is the executive for PennDOT's District 6, which encompasses the five-county Philadelphia region. He said PennDOT, SEPTA and the city of Philadelphia would partner over three years to solicit information from those who live and work along the boulevard in an effort to improve its viability.

"The boulevard is a very unique roadway — essentially a limited access highway functioning as an urban street in a densely populated area," he said. "It was designed and constructed right after the turn of the century, in the late 1800s, and was constructed in the early 1900s. Improvements were done throughout time, but I doubt when that roadway was first envisioned by its designers and planners that they ever anticipated the level of volume and high-speed traffic that is on that roadway today.

"What we have is an artery that carries high-traffic volumes at high speeds, which mixes with pedestrians, SEPTA customers and bicyclists. All of these are moving across the boulevard each day to reach adjacent neighborhoods, churches, schools, shopping centers and businesses."

"The boulevard is a very unique roadway — essentially a limited access highway functioning as an urban street in a densely populated area."

McClain

Upcoming public forums

A series of public forums in April will introduce the program and include several interactive sessions around town. Each two-hour forum will be replicated in five locations along the boulevard in order to maximize public access. For more information on the forums, go to www.rooseveltboulevard.com.

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Pledges to do better at groundbreaking for 22nd and Market collapse memorial

Family members of victims and city leaders gathered at ceremony to begin construction of memorial garden.

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Under a bright blue sky Wednesday morning, a crowd of nearly 200 gathered to witness the next step in Philly's efforts to come to terms with the tragic 2013 building collapse that killed six and injured more than a dozen.

"This remarkable memorial park represents the collective will and energy of so many citizens who joined to bear witness and to demand to our city leaders that they forever commit themselves to the highest standards of construction safety and to the preservation and protection of human life," said Nancy Winkler, the former city treasurer whose daughter Anne Bryan, a 24-year-old art student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, was among those killed on June 5, 2013.

Winkler, her husband Jay, Mayor Jim Kenney and other family members of victims participated in the groundbreaking at 22nd and Market streets of a memorial park that will occupy the land where the collapse occurred and pay tribute to the victims.

Winkler paid tribute to all the victims: Juanita Harmon, Bobor Davis, Roseline Conteh, Kimberly Finnegan, Mary Simpson, and her daughter Anne.

"We're here to remember that they were crushed to death in a third-world style disaster that made international news," Winkler said.

The land at 22nd and Market streets was actually pitched as a site for a parking lot just days after the collapse occurred, Winkler said.

"Jay and I were appalled," she said.

Instead, they spearheaded the movement to create a permanent memorial at the site of the collapse. Businesses, citizens, building trade unions and others raised $1.3 million for the project, and are still fundraising for a $100,000 endowment that will go toward the park's upkeep. The memorial is expected to be completed next fall.

The collapse occurred when demolition on an adjacent property caused a wall to collapse onto a Salvation Army thrift store.

Demolition contractor Griffin Campbell was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison. Backhoe operator Sean Benschop pleaded guilty to the same charges and was sentenced to 7½ to 15 years in prison.

Civil lawsuits are pending against the city and real estate developer Richard Basciano, who owned the property where the demolition was taking place.

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BIKE LANE COMING

City Hall street work seeks to improve traffic flow

You may have noticed recently that the streets around City Hall are an unholy, unpaved mess.

The streets, known as Penn Square, have been torn up for a redesign that will include a badly needed bike lane on 15th Street, the Streets Department announced Wednesday.

"In early April, PennDOT will be paving and restriping the square," the Streets Department announced in a press release.

What may or may not be the solution to a large number of hellish traffic situations navigating around Penn Square was also hinted at by the Streets Department.

"The pavement markings will be upgraded to clarify complex vehicular merges and decision points," they said.

All existing crosswalks will be repainted.

Last but certainly not least, 15th Street is getting a "marked, buffered" bicycle lane, which should help the many bikers who ride down the street on their commute to work. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Reporter, 9, defends her murder scene coverage after public outcry

Hilde Kate Lysiak YOUTUBE

Critics of a 9-year old girl who covered an alleged murder in her small Pennsylvania town got quite the counterattack when the child posted a video on YouTube on Tuesday defending her passion.

Over the weekend, Hilde Kate Lysiak got a tip to her news website, OrangeStreetNews.com, based out of Selinsgrove, about 150 miles northwest of Philadelphia. It indicated a potential murder scene, where she went with her parents later that day.

Lysiak posted the results of her investigation on her website, on her Facebook page and on her YouTube channel, and the hits started piling up.

Commentators called it a "joke," "horrible," "sensationalist trash," and said "9-year old girls should be playing with dolls, not trying to be reporters."

Hilde posted her response in the YouTube video:

"Because of my work, I was able to inform people there was a terrible murder hours before my competition even got to the scene. In fact, some of these adult-read newspapers were reporting the wrong news or no news at all. All the while, the Orange Street News was out covering the murder. I know this makes some of you uncomfortable and I know some of you just want me to sit down and be quiet, but if you want me to stop covering news, then you get off your computer and you do something about it. There, is that cute enough for you?" JENNY DEHUFF

BRIEFS

Peril from above PROVIDED

Teaneck, New Jersey, to arm residents with air horns to combat aggressive turkeys

Authorities in Teaneck, New Jersey, have announced a plan to distribute 20 air horns to residents in an effort to drive away wild turkeys.

Teaneck officials said they have gotten about a dozen complaints about aggressive turkeys attacking residents, pecking at cars and holding up traffic, according to an Associated Press article reported by NBC10.

Only state authorities are allowed to touch the birds, but loud noises can be used by anyone to scare away the animals, The Record reported.

"Hopefully this will help a lot," Amy Schweitzer of the Department of Environmental Protection told The Record. She also said aggressive behavior related to the birds tends to decrease in the summer and that cardboard window decorations can help keep the birds from attacking windows.

"We have to coexist as best as possible," animal control officer Vincent Ascolese was quoted by The Record, which added that he would give the 20 air horns to a health officer to distribute to the public.

JASON NUCKOLLS

New Jersey child porn crackdown nets teacher, school bus driver

A statewide child pornography crackdown in New Jersey has led to the arrest of 16 people including an elementary school teacher and a school bus driver.

A state and federal probe called "Operation Safeguard" targeted online file-sharing networks to track down suspects who allegedly distributed child pornography, the Associated Press stated in an article reported by Fox29.

"By viewing and distributing child pornography, particularly the child rape videos targeted in this operation, these offenders directly motivate and put themselves in league with the predators who torture children to create these repulsive materials," acting New Jersey Attorney General Robert Lougy told the Bergen Dispatch.

Thomas Guzzi Jr., a fifth-grade teacher at John H. Winslow Elementary School in Vineland, was among those arrested, the Dispatch added. Guzzi has also been charged with third-degree invasion of privacy for allegedly hiding a tablet computer in a public bathroom to secretly record people.

Also arrested was Eugene Triston, 55, a Sparta School District bus driver who allegedly watched child pornography in between bus runs, according to the Dispatch.

"These defendants come from all walks of life, but they allegedly share a depraved desire to see children being raped and sexually exploited," Lougy said, according to New Jersey 101.5.

The 16 arrested, who ranged in age from 17 to 72, now each face second- and third-degree charges of child pornography distribution and possession, 101.5 added. JASON NUCKOLLS

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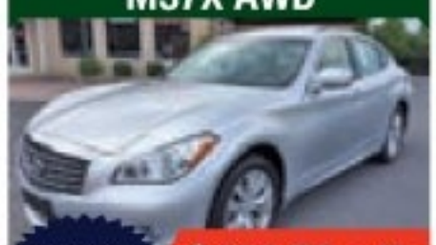
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Forks out for harvest of Philly CSAs

This year, the Philly area offers a variety of farm-share programs.

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Just outside Philadelphia's border lies some of the most fertile farming soil in the world, and city-dwellers can get in on this year's harvest by signing up for farm-share programs that are kicking off in the coming weeks.

The concept of community-supported agriculture programs (CSAs) has been around since at least the '80s, and there are many different options for Philly foodies who want to get their produce straight from the farm.

The CSA out of Kneehigh Farm in Emmaus is in its third year and will be delivering to 75 members in the Philly area through spring and into fall.

"Our farm is like a little organic vegetable jewel among lot of monocultures," said farmer and California native Emma Cuniff said, referring to the larger single-crop fields prevalent in the area.

Cuniff said members can expect to see crops ranging from 10 different kinds of heirloom tomatoes to exotic veggies like Mexican sour gherkins ground cherries, Cylindra beets and Persian style cucumbers.

At Philly Foodworks, produce for their roughly 800 members is sourced mostly from farmers in Lancaster and Upper Berks counties and South Jersey, while they offer other goods like breads, coffee and jam that's created right in Philly. Like the Red Earth Farm CSA, members can customize their farm-shares online for pick-up from 50 locations in the city or home delivery.

"With the flexible shares, I think we're starting to attract a different audience," said co-founder Dylan Baird. "Their main thing isn't necessarily local food. They want to eat better, they want to cook more with fresher ingredients to make healthier food. It's definitely a wider demographic."

Jonathan Hamilton and Tia Sykes pack up community-supported agriculture baskets at Philly Foodworks. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

"It's really combatted a lot of people's negative stereotypes around CSAs. People were saying, 'Yeah, I was doing it, but I got tired of kale or celeriac,'" he said.

Greensgrow Farms, which was founded out of some soil in Kensington in the '90s, is in its 14th year of offering a CSA. They have about 800 members.

"You can always expect a variety of seasonal vegetables — all from farms within 150 miles of our stores," said Katie Jacoby, Greensgrow's CSA manager. "We design our CSA based on an urban couple who goes out to eat maybe two times a week. We're not trying to inundate you with a crazy quantity of every item. We don't expect everybody to be canners. What we like to do is give you a good actionable quantity of an item."

Profits at Greensgrow all go back into their nonprofit programs, like SNAP box and mobile market, Jacoby said.

Some people prefer CSAs that support a single local farm, while others care most about getting the fresh produce and food that they want.

But whichever route you take, you can't go wrong, said Julie Hancher, co-founder of Green Philly Blog.

"It's one of the best things you can do environmentally. You're not getting ingredients shipped from Mexico," Hancher said. "It's important to support local farmers … even if they're not certified organic, they typically use less pesticides and more natural management."

Aside from the environmental and health reasons, CSAs also make sense in terms of cold, hard cash.

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Deposition ordered for woman in debunked Rolling Stone rape article

The University of Virginia campus GETTY IMAGES

A U.S. judge has ordered a central figure in a debunked Rolling Stone magazine article about an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia to answer questions in a defamation lawsuit, court papers showed.

In a two-page ruling on Monday, Virginia-based Chief U.S. District Judge Glen Conrad ordered the woman, who is identified in court papers for the case as "Jackie," to participate in a deposition on Thursday.

The Rolling Stone article, "A Rape on Campus," published in 2014, described a gang rape of a University of Virginia first-year student identified by her first name of Jackie, allegedly during a party at a fraternity.

The article caused an uproar over the issue of campus sexual assault, but Rolling Stone retracted the story after discrepancies surfaced. The magazine later commissioned a review by Columbia University that criticized the publication for reporting and editing lapses.

In the latest development, Judge Conrad ordered Jackie to be deposed in a federal defamation lawsuit filed against Rolling Stone by a University of Virginia administrator.

Nicole Eramo, an associate dean of students who had met and counseled Jackie, stated in her lawsuit that she was falsely depicted in Rolling Stone as a villain who showed indifference to Jackie's allegations that she had been raped.

Charlottesville police last year said an investigation was unable to corroborate the magazine's story of the assault on Jackie.

In the deposition scheduled for Thursday, the judge has asked Jackie to respond to questions from attorneys for both Eramo and for Rolling Stone. REUTERS

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White House finds temporary fix in Zika funding fight

The White House said Wednesday it will redirect $589 million in funds to prepare for the Zika virus before the mosquito that carries it begins to emerge in the continental United States, but urged Congress to act quickly on its request for more money.

White House Budget Director Shaun Donovan said the use of money previously provided for fighting another health crisis, the Ebola virus, was only a temporary fix for Zika funding.

Donovan said some measures to fight Zika would have to be delayed, curtailed or stopped unless Congress approves more than $1.8 billion in emergency funds requested by the Obama administration in February.

The Zika virus, linked to a growing number of cases of the birth defect microcephaly in Brazil, is spreading rapidly in Latin America and the Caribbean and heading north as the weather gets warmer.

Aedes aegypti mosquitos in various stages of development. GETTY IMAGES

Without full Zika funding, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell said mosquito control and surveillance may have to be delayed or stopped, vaccine development could be jeopardized and development of faster diagnostic tests could be impaired.

Most of the $589 million will come from $2.7 billion in funds set aside for public health projects aimed at the Ebola virus. West Africa was stricken by a two-year Ebola epidemic that killed more than 11,300 people starting in December 2013 and led to a small number of cases in the U.S.

The Republican-controlled Congress has said the White House should draw the money needed to fight Zika from the Ebola funds.

"The first action should be to use money already available, and if that's insufficient then we should explore additional funding," said Republican Rep. Vern Buchanan of Florida, a state threatened by Zika.

Burwell said a recent flare-up of Ebola in West Africa shows the United States cannot shortchange its work in the region.

"We face two global health challenges, Ebola and Zika, and we don't have an option to set one aside in the name of the other," Burwell told reporters. REUTERS

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Presidential hopefuls Cruz, Sanders look to NY contest

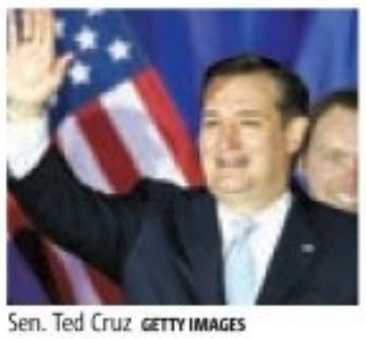
Cruz's emphatic victory in Wisconsin slowed Trump's progress in amassing the needed convention delegates and increased the chances that Republicans will be faced with a rare contested convention.

Decisive wins in Wisconsin boosted presidential hopefuls Republican Ted Cruz and Democrat Bernie Sanders as they chase the front-runners, building momentum as they gear up for the crucial New York primary in two weeks.

Seeking to fend them off, Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton will now look to recalibrate their campaigns and secure victories in a state that both call home and where they could effectively wind up the primary process if they win with large margins.

Trump will be called on to demonstrate that he can absorb the shock of a loss and bounce back against Cruz. The senator from Texas showed he is increasingly viewed as the main Trump alternative by those Republicans who cannot bring themselves to support the billionaire to be their presidential nominee for the November election.

The Republican race now turns to New York, which votes on April 19. Republican New York Chairman Ed Cox said he believes the state could decide the nomination. "Given the wide diversity in New York, I think it will be a definitive moment," Cox said.



Sen. Ted Cruz GETTY IMAGES

On the Democratic side, Sanders, a senator from Vermont, is trying to stage a come-from-behind upset of Clinton, but will struggle to overcome a large deficit in delegates.

Sanders' win in Wisconsin, which brought his victory tally to six out of the last seven contests, added to Clinton's frustration over her inability to swiftly knock out a rival who has attacked her from the left. That frustration was on full display in a Wednesday morning interview as the former secretary of state took a more aggressive approach to criticizing Sanders.

In contrast to a Republican primary season that has been rife with personal insults, the Democrats have largely avoided personal attacks and stuck to policy arguments. But Clinton attacked Sanders for his position on guns and said he lacked a depth of policy understanding.

"You can't really help people if you don't know how to do what you say you want to do," Clinton said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "I think he hadn't done his homework and he's been talking for more than a year about doing things that he hasn't really studied or understood."

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Fiat Chrysler cuts 1,300 workers in Michigan, scraps shift

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) said on Wednesday it is laying off about 1,300 workers indefinitely and ending one of the two shifts at its Sterling Heights, Michigan, plant that makes the slow-selling midsize Chrysler 200 sedan.

U.S. sales of the Chrysler 200 were down 63 percent in the first three months of this year from a year earlier, as FCA has de-emphasized sales of the model which had been often sold to rental agencies.

The lay offs will be effective July 5.

The company did not say how long it would continue to make the Chrysler 200. In January, FCA Chief Executive Sergio Marchionne said the company would cease making the midsize sedan as well as the compact Dodge Dart, unless a partner could be found to keep the production going.

United Auto Workers Vice President Norwood Jewell said in a statement that the move was not unexpected, and expressed optimism that FCA will find jobs for the workers by making more trucks and SUVs.

"FCA is not the only company experiencing a slow market for small cars," Jewell said. "On a bright note, there is a strong demand for larger-sized vehicles. The company has been planning to increase its capacity to build more trucks and SUVs. I believe that in the long term this move will be a positive one for our members and the company."

The Fiat Chrysler Group headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan GETTY IMAGES

It is one of the largest layoffs at a U.S. auto plant since the 2008-09 recession, and there is widespread speculation that it will not be the end of production changes among U.S. automakers trying to adjust to consumer tastes that continue to shift from cars such as sedans and hatchbacks to SUVs and pickup trucks.

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BRIEF

Former US coal CEO gets prison time for blast that killed 29

Former Massey Energy Chief Executive Don Blankenship was sentenced to a year in prison and fined $250,000 on Wednesday for his role in a 2010 West Virginia coal mine explosion that killed 29 workers.

Blankenship, known as West Virginia's "king of coal" for his rags-to-riches background and tough approach to business, was given the maximum sentence for the misdemeanor conviction by U.S. District Judge Irene Berger. He also was sentenced to a year of supervised probation after release.

Blankenship, who headed Massey from 2000 to 2010, was convicted in December of conspiring to violate safety standards at the Upper Big Branch mine, site of the blast. He was acquitted on felony charges related to accident.

"I want to express sorrow to the families for what happened and I hope that what I have to say can help them find peace," Blankenship, 66, said before sentencing.

He thanked his supporters and called those who died "great coal miners." Blankenship's lawyers said they would appeal the sentence. REUTERS

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Charlize Theron says it's hard out there for pretty people

Listen, guys, it's hard out there for beautiful people, OK? But at least beautiful people spokesperson Charlize Theron is here to draw much-needed awareness to the epidemic. The latest problem? Pretty people aren't taken seriously enough to get the really good, juicy roles in major films. "Jobs with real gravitas go to people that are physically right for them, and that's the end of the story," she tells GQ. "How many roles are out there for the gorgeous, f—ing gown-wearing, 8-foot model? When meaty roles come through, I've been in the room, and pretty people get turned away first." Maybe, to start with, don't be 8 feet tall?

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Kevin Costner refutes shark-fighting rumors

So somehow, somewhere, someone recently started a rumor that Kevin Costner had rescued his wife from a shark attack. Seems plausible, given the spate of recent celebrity aquatic heroics: Hugh Jackman did actually help clear his kids and others from the surf in Australia when a shark was spotted nearby, and Heidi Klum saved her kids from a dangerous riptide. But Costner? Not so much. At least he has a sense of humor about it, though. The man himself took to Facebook to address the rumor by posting a photo from infamous bomb "Waterworld" along with the caption, "Although I do feel well-versed in the art of marine combat, I've fought zero sharks as of late." So there you have it.

Amy Schumer not down with Glamour calling her plus-size

Amy Schumer got a shout-out on the cover of the latest issue of Glamour, except it was in a list of "women who inspire us" that also included Melissa McCarthy, Adele and plus-size model Ashley Graham. Curious company. And don't think she didn't notice.

"There's nothing wrong with being plus size. Beautiful, healthy women," Schumer posted to Instagram. "Plus size is considered size 16 in America. I go between a size 6 and an 8. [Glamour magazine] put me in their plus size only issue without asking or letting me know and it doesn't feel right to me. Young girls seeing my body type thinking that is plus size? What are your thoughts? Mine are not cool glamour, not glamourous."

Oh snap. Yeah, maybe give at least her publicist a head's up first before mentioning her on the cover?

Janet Jackson might be preggers, halts tour

Hinting at a possible pregnancy, Janet Jackson announced on Wednesday that she was halting her "Unbreakable" world tour because of a "sudden change" in her plans for a family.

"My husband and I are planning our family, so I'm going to have to delay the tour," Jackson, 49, said in a video selfie posted on her Twitter account. "Please if you could try and understand that it's important that I do this now. I have to rest up, doctor's orders." Jackson, who has no children, did not clarify whether she was pregnant, hoped to become pregnant or was planning to adopt. Her representatives did not respond to requests for comment. Jackson, the fiercely private youngest child of the famed Jackson singing family, married her third husband, Qatari businessman Wissam al Mana, in 2012. The tour, Jackson's first in four years, was launched in August 2015. REUTERS

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Riley Keough likes it quiet

The actress challenges herself by starring on the TV version of "The Girlfriend Experience."

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Let's get this out of the way: Riley Keough is Elvis' granddaughter. Her mom is Lisa Marie Presley and she spent some of her life with Michael Jackson as a stepdad. When we speak, Keough discusses none of this. She doesn't have to. She's made her own life, and that includes a relatively normal actor's career: a start in indies (like "Jack & Diane"), striking supporting work in the likes of "Magic Mike" and "Mad Max: Fury Road." And now she headlines the Starz show "The Girlfriend Experience," in which she's in nearly every scene.

Spun-off from the titular 2009 movie by Steven Soderbergh (who produced), "GFE" spends 13 half-hour episodes spying on Christine, a young law student who moonlights as a high-end escort. Keough, 26, has to convey a lot without saying much. That's fine with her.

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Shooting TV can be hectic for actors, but it seems the quick pace might have helped with a character who doesn't say much. Most of the time, Christine is silent.

I generally don't like overthinking things or preparing too much. This didn't give me room to do that at all. I didn't have an hour to sit in my trailer and intellectualize my scenes. I was given whatever we were doing, and then I was just doing it. With movies you have time to overthink.

Christine doesn't have another person to talk to. That's unusual for a lead character. Even Jane Fonda's call girl in "Klute" had a therapist.

She just isn't that interested in intellectualizing her feelings and emotions, unlike most women. Women are supposed to talk about everything. I am emotional, and I care about my feelings, and I get upset. But [Christine] really doesn't care. She finds that to be a waste of time. I find that really funny.

Soderbergh has talked about how she's unique because she just doesn't think of sex as a big deal.

That's true. And doing this show made me think about why it's such a secret, weird thing. Why is there so much attached to it? I like that it means nothing to her. She's like, "Whatever," and she's unapologetic about it. That makes you think: Is everyone right about sex? It's something that has a lot of emotion attached to it. People get angry about it, people hate it, people love it, people are obsessed with it. To have someone who doesn't care is superweird. It's more of a role you'd see for a male character. I think [writers-directors] Amy [Seimetz] and Lodge [Kerrigan] were writing for a human, not a woman. That's a great perspective to have on her — that she's just a person, to not give her a gender.

In "The Girlfriend Experience," premiering Sunday on Starz, Riley Keough plays Christine, a young law student who takes up a side job as a high-end escort who does more than have sex with her clients. STARZ

Remembering 'Mad Max'

You were one of the wives in "Mad Max: Fury Road," which is a film that was ostensibly about a heroic white male but wound up really being about strong women fighting against old men.

It's funny because none of us thought about it like that. After people started jumping on that train it was like, "Oh, it really is. How did we never think of this before?" But it's kind of sad that it's looked at as a feminist film, just because there are women in it. If it was about men it wouldn't be a film about male freedom. We have to label everything if they're not white-bread.

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Despite spending his last two albums in the company of legends, Ben Harper is a solitary man with an incendiary lyrical perspective, a curt-but-soulful croon and a quirky, diverse musicality that finds him at ease with rock, funk or folk. Harper's lonely remoteness too comes from the fact that since 2007, he's been without his usual band of misfits, the Innocent Criminals. That's all about to change now that he's reunited with the Criminal crew and releases their new album, "Call It What It Is," a record whose title track is a hard-core protest blues cut that speaks to the outrage over police brutality that cut short the lives of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and others. Harper and his Innocent Criminals hit the East Coast together starting today.

At the same time you're releasing "Childhood Home," in 2014 you're devising the song "Call It What It Is." I know the deaths of Eric Garner, Michael Brown and others inspired you to write, but can you discuss the specifics of putting emotion and cold, hard facts onto paper?

I don't know that there was a single flashpoint — more like "enough is enough." You don't put a man in a chokehold and kill him just because he's selling cigarettes and think that no one's going to call you out? This is the 21st century. Everybody's got cameras. Enough is enough. What I did was journalism. I'll sing it from the highest mountain.

So when the song first came together, did the Innocent Criminals immediately come to mind?

Oh yeah, I wasn't going to record this in any other shape or form. I mean, I could do other versions, say with someone like Charlie [Musselwhite.] But the Innocent Criminals are the men for the job. I've been invested in them and believing in them for over 20 years.

When you disengaged from those same men in the first place, was it a slow, laborious process or was the end rip-it-off-like-a-bandage quick?

I'm sure everyone saw it coming. Tensions were running high. So it probably still took a while and let things fester a year too long, or five (laughs).

There's sex, there's love, there's whimsy and there's even pink balloons on the new album. After the title track, what song came next — the one that defined where the album would go?

"All That Has Gone" — me and a lap steel guitar.

What do you and the Innocent Criminals offer each other that no other act can?

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In a historic city like Philly, every building has a story.

Wm. Mulherin's Sons, located in the shadow of the El tracks on the corner of Front and Master, is no exception. The site of a newly opened wood-fired Italian restaurant — and, coming soon, a boutique hotel — boasts a south-facing wall decorated with a mural that graced the cover of Philly lo-fi legend Kurt Vile's 2013 album "Walkin' on a Pretty Daze." But before any of that, the building was home to a whiskey distillery and bottling plant.

What's old is new

Two years ago it was acquired by Randy Cook and David Grasso, the developers and designers behind Roost, a pair of extended-stay hotels in the city with a uniquely sleek mid-century aesthetic. Over the course of the project, the building has been revamped, renewed and fully realized into a restaurant space that feels both period perfect and entirely new.

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A home away from home for musicians

These ties to the music world are hardly incidental. Over the summer, the upper floors will open as a four-room hotel. With proximity to Johnny Brenda's, Union Transfer and the Fillmore, the rooms of Wm. Mulherin's Sons are primed to act as crash pads for the touring artists who frequent the venues in the neighborhood.

What's on the menu

With wood-fired fare making up a good portion of the Italian-accented menu, the third dining room is home to an open kitchen featuring a grill and pizza oven where chef Chris Painter turns out brick chicken with pine nuts, cherries and cippolini onion and savory pies topped with lamb sausage and artichokes.

Painter and Cook saw a strong appeal in the building's positioning, just a few blocks north of the bustling intersection of Frankford and Girard with plenty of positive expansion happening on the arterial stretch of Front Street.

"One of the cool things about this building is that it had so much original character," Cook says. "We tried to design the project in a way where certain things feel as though they could have been here 100 years ago." And with this seamless blend of old and new, Wm. Mulherin's Sons is a place where touring bands can knock back Prohibition-era cocktails, pizzas land on slabs of hundred-plus year-old marble, and the old and new faces of Fishtown mingle.

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Where inspiration strikes

Dancers wear colorful leotards for "Social Discourse" which opens the show. JULIETA CERVANTES

Séan Curran with co-artistic director Elizabeth "Betsy" Coker. DAVID GONSIER

Séan Curran Co. brings Radiohead and deep thoughts to Philly.

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Think about the types of entertainment that make you want to get up and dance, and it's unlikely that either New Yorker articles or documentaries about modern philosophy would be very high on the list.

But those are exactly the sources of inspiration for two new pieces that the New York-based Seán Curran Co. will bring to Philly this weekend.

"When you're a young choreographer you have lists of titles and dances and pieces of music you want to work with," explains choreographer/artistic director Séan Curran. "When you're older you often have to go looking for inspiration. So I have my artistic antennae out in the world."

"Social Discourse," set to the music of Thom Yorke and Radiohead, will open the show, presented by NextMove Dance. It will mark Curran's return to Philly following his recent work with Opera Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Singers. The piece was sparked by a single sentence in a review of English dancer Akram Khan by New Yorker critic Joan Acocella. "She said that when he dances he looks like the letter 'S' turning itself inside out," Curran recalls. Intrigued by that image, he immediately suggested it to a group of dancers with whom he was working.

"The results were so astonishingly weird and different. Nobody moved from the spot they were in and it was very articulated, joint-driven noodling that really felt fresh. So I abandoned the piece I was going to make and decided I was more interested in tickling the eyeball with this eccentric movement."

An even more unlikely beginning for a dance came when Curran saw the Canadian documentary "Examined Life," which features interviews with eight influential philosophers in New York. "I wasn't into philosophy but at the end of the movie I said, 'I want to make that dance,'" he says.

The result is "Left Exit: Faith, Doubt, and Reason," though it's more often referred to by Curran's company as "The Atheist Dance." Curran, raised in a strict Irish Catholic household in Boston, based the piece on his own personal struggles with faith.

"I wanted to make the point that if religion is how we organize a chaotic world, art can be religion for some people. At least it is for me."

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FESTIVAL

Life in Color Festival

April 9, 6-10 p.m.
Festival Pier, Columbus Boulevard and Spring Garden Street
$70, Lifeincolor.com
The self-proclaimed "world's largest paint party" comes to Penn's Landing for a night of loud music, strobe lights and gallons upon gallons of neon paint being sprayed all up in your grill. Music is supplied courtesy of Toronto DJ duo Zeds Dead, EDMer Getter and rising hip-hop star iLoveMakonnen.

FUNDRAISERS

Charity Flip Cup Tournament

April 8, 7-11 p.m.
Field House, 1150 Filbert St.
$30, Eventbrite.com
Social media company ChatterBlast returns to Field House for their third annual — and drunken — Charity Flip Cup Tournament. Around 50 hilariously named teams (Our Flips Don't Lie, Finger Flippin' Good) bring the popular house party drinking game into the public arena to benefit the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the MS Society and local theater company Mazeppa Productions. The night includes an hour of open game play followed by a single-elimination tournament, because someone has to walk away with bragging rights.

Bangarang Presents: Party Animals

April 9, noon-5 p.m.
Clark Park, 43rd Street and Baltimore Avenue
215-683-3679
Free, Phillypaws.org
Clark Park sees one of its first festivals of the season in this daylong hoopla to benefit Red Paw Emergency Relief Team, which works to find shelter for Philadelphians and their pets who have been displaced due to fire or other disasters. Guests can expect live music from local DJs, games like giant versions of Twister and Jenga, and a puppy kissing booth. Food trucks will be on site for your noshing pleasure.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Buzz Aldrin

April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Free Library, 1901 Vine St.
$15, Freelibrary.org
Legendary astronaut Buzz Aldrin lands at the Free Library for a reading, discussion and signing of his long-awaited memoir, "No Dream Is Too High: Life Lessons From a Man Who Walked on the Moon." In the book, Aldrin writes about his historic moon landing, and reveals details about his struggle with depression and alcoholism. Not surprisingly, the auditorium event is sold out, but there are in-house simulcast seats available.

MUSIC

Gogol Bordello

April 7-8, 7:30-11 p.m.
Union Transfer
1026 Spring Garden St.
$25, Utphilly.com
Manhattan punk band Gogol Bordello take over Union Transfer for their two-night "Gypsy Punks: Underdog World Strike" tour, in town to celebrate their 10th anniversary and the release of "Pura Vida Conspiracy." In typical fashion for the band, the album is influenced by rhythms from around the globe — from Ukraine to Paraguay and even Vermont. Fans of the band's annual New Year's Eve romp in Philly know to expect quite the spirited stage show.

MOVIES

Cinedelphia

April 7-23
PhilaMOCA, 531 N. 12th St.
Cinedelphia.com
Think of Cinedelphia as the Philadelphia Film Festival's edgier, Bernie-supporting younger sister. The nearly monthlong fest, curated by "a small team of discerning film lovers," highlights locally shot rarities and oddball gems from the video era. Hosted at alternative art space PhilaMOCA, the schedule includes a handful of Philly premieres ("VHS Massacre" and "Dead Hands Dig Deep" and more) and appearances by eccentric film critic Joe Bob Briggs, and Baltimore video and comedy troupe Wham City Comedy.

THEATER

"RODEO"

April 7-23
Walnut Street Theater, Studio 5
825 Walnut St.
$20-$25, Quinceproductions.com
A honky-tonkin' new show by Chicago playwright Philip Dawkins gets stage time in Philly courtesy of Quince Productions, helmer of annual LGBT theater festival GayFest! "RODEO" concerns a rough-and-tumble cowgirl named Cody (Jenna Pinchbeck), who has to dress up like a man in order to qualify to compete in the town rodeo. Gender-bending shenanigans — and a romance with an unsuspecting gay cowboy — ensue.

FOOD

Craft Beer Express

April 9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Various locations
$10-$15, Craftbeerexpress.com
The Craft Beer Express rolls out Saturday morning, making pit stops at some of Philly's finest spots to grab some suds. You'll try tastings of special brews and even play some games at 13 bars throughout the day. The group starts at Frankford Hall in Northern Liberties and eventually makes its way across the city to places like City Tap House, P.O.P.E. and Brauhaus Schmitz. The whole thing ends at Race Street Cafe with a final round and a barbecue meal.

Manayunk StrEAT Food Festival

April 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Free, Manayunk.com
Main Street in Manayunk will be jam-packed with food trucks, concert stages and neighborhood boutique vendors on Sunday for this annual hoopla celebrating the local street food culture. Of course, no party in Manayunk would be complete without lots of drinking, which can be done in spades at the MNYK Beer Garden on Cotton Street. JOSH MIDDLETON

SQUONK

FESTIVAL

Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts

April 8-23
Various locations, PIFA.org
In its third year, the Kimmel Center's ambitious performing arts festival PIFA almost seems to take its cues from Burning Man. The 15-day event, themed "We Are What We Make," comprises major art installations at venues across the city, including Mimi Lien's massive project that will consume the lobby of the Kimmel Center, and "Article 13," an awe-inspiring fire and sand installation meant to impart immigrant tales.

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In a land where glorious wines define both lifestyle and cuisine, you'll find savory, soul-warming dishes, from garlicky escargots to coq au vin, both of which pair beautifully with the local wines. While Burgundy's glittering wine trade imparts a sophisticated image to the region, Burgundy itself is basically prosperous farm country. Traditional cuisine here reflects the area's farm-centric soul, with lots of slow-cooked, wine-laced dishes. During a day of wine tasting in the Côte d'Or, dine at a traditional bistro to savor the jambon persillé, chunks of ham enrobed in a parsleyed aspic jelly, or a rich *bœuf bourguignon*. In summer, be sure to spend a morning at one of the region's bountiful weekend markets. Afterward, enjoy a *Charolais steak à la moutarde* at a local café and raise a glass to the good life.

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Paris

A new wave of culinary confidence has been running through one of the world's great food cities and spilling over both banks of the Seine. Like the chefs themselves, Paris diners are breaking away from tradition with renewed enthusiasm. New restaurants, wine bars and rapidly multiplying *épicieries* and sandwich shops recognize that not everyone wants a three-course blowout every time they dine out. And because Parisians are more widely traveled than in the past, many ethnic restaurants — notably the best North African, Vietnamese–Laotian, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese spots — are making fewer concessions to French tastes, resulting in far better food.

Tuscany

The influence of the ancient Etruscans — who favored the use of fresh herbs — is still felt in Tuscan cuisine three millennia later. Simple and earthy, Tuscan food celebrates the seasons with fresh vegetable dishes, wonderful bread-based soups and meats perfumed with sage, rosemary and thyme. Throughout Tuscany there are excellent upscale restaurants that serve elaborate dishes, but to get a real taste of the flavors of the region, head for the family-run trattorias found in every town.

Amalfi Coast

Locals say they have "one foot in the fishing boat, one in the vineyard"— and a fortunate stance it is. You can count on eating simple, fresh, seasonal food, and lots of it, with *tutti i sapori della campagna verace* (all the true flavors of the countryside). From the *gulfs comepesce alla griglia* (grilled fish), calamari (squid), *aragosta* (lobster), and *gamberone* (shrimp). Wood-oven-baked thin-crust pizzas start with the classic Margherita (tomato sauce, basil and cheese) and marinara ("marinated" with tomato, garlic, and oregano) and go from there to infinity. La Cucina Costiera seems more sensuous amid all this beauty. Sun-dried tomatoes and chili peppers hang in bright red cascades on balconies and shop fronts. *Soft fior di latte* (cow's-milk cheeses) are from the high hill pastures of Agerola, while the world's best buffalo mozzarella comes from Paestum.

Rome

Most chefs prefer to follow the mantra of freshness over fuss, and simplicity of flavor and preparation over complex cooking methods. Romans like Roman food, and that's what you'll find in the majority of the city's *trattorias andosterie* (wine bars). For the most part, today's chefs cling to the traditional and excel at what has taken hundreds, sometimes thousands, of years to perfect. This is why the basic trattoria menu is more or less the same wherever you go. And it's why even the top Roman chefs feature their versions of simple trattoria classics like pasta *all'amatriciana* with a tomato, Roman bacon, chili pepper, and pecorino cheese sauce — sometimes with onion, although for some that's an issue for debate. To a great extent, Rome is still a town where the Italian equivalent of "what are you in the mood to eat?" translates to "pizza or pasta?"

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76ers avoid being worst team in NBA history

Nova alumnus and Pelican Dante Cunningham was happy to be back in Philly this week despite loss to Sixers.

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Maybe Villanova's magical ride to a national championship rubbed off on the 76ers.

One night after the Wildcats finished the college basketball season with a bang following a stirring 77-74 win over North Carolina, the Sixers came up big, too.

Unlike Villanova, there will be no parade for the Sixers.

In a lost season, simply winning their 10th game is cause for celebration. The Sixers ousted the depleted New Orleans Pelicans, 107-93, and improved to 10-68. They snapped a 12-game skid and avoided the chance of tying the 1972-73 Sixers' dubious record of going 9-73.

The Pelicans played without key players such as Anthony Davis, Jrue Holiday, Tyreke Evans, Eric Gordon and Ryan Anderson. Their starting five consisted of Toney Douglas, Tim Frazier, Luke Babbitt, Dante Cunningham and Alexis Ajinca. Sound like a D-League team?

Well, the Sixers have endured a tough season so they're not apologizing to anyone. It's a win for a team which hasn't experienced many victorious locker rooms.

"And we move on and we hope to get a few more before our season ends," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "I'm happy for our guys. You hear me say this every time we talk. They're good people. They seriously care. They put in fantastic days' work and our record wouldn't indicate that. So to get a win, and we just move on and they deserve that."

The Pelicans held an early 12-point lead before the Sixers took control and eventually built their advantage up to 20.

The 76ers have just four games left, with their final two home games this weekend at the Wells Fargo Center. GETTY IMAGES

Brown was never comfortable.

"Not one second. Truly," Brown said. "You just get so interested in truly closing out a game."

Cunningham did his best to help the Pelicans pull out a road win with 19 points on 7-for-9 shooting. Despite the loss, the former Villanova standout was in a very upbeat mood because of what had transpired in Houston the night before. Cunningham watched the Wildcats win the title in a private room at Del Frisco's steakhouse in Philadelphia.

"I was screaming the whole time," said Cunningham, who was decked out in a Villanova hat and jersey postgame.

Witnessing Villanova's ride to a championship has been an experience worth relishing forever.

"I haven't been able to keep my phone charged," Cunningham said. "I've been texting the whole time. It's been awesome. I've been texting with coach [Jay Wright] back and forth. Jay is as happy for us as we are for him. It's an amazing feeling."

Winning a 10th game in a marathon NBA season isn't quite as amazing. The Sixers will gladly take the win and move forward.

"You hear everybody talking about it [the record], but you just try to keep it out of the locker room," said guard Isaiah Canaan, who scored 16 points. "You try to stay focused and not let it become a distraction in any way."

To Brown's credit, the Sixers have continued to play hard just about every night. They don't have a roster built to win right now. They got one last night.

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The Masters: 3 reasons golf will be the best thing on TV this weekend

Can Jordan Spieth return to 2015 form and defend his masters title?

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If you're a true golf fan, this is the week you wait for all year. If you're a casual sports fan, the Masters is surely on your sports radar this weekend, along with the NHL and NBA playoff races and the first weekend of the MLB season.

Over the last decade the names of the contenders have changed (except for Phil Mickelson of course) but the quality of talent has not.

Here are three reasons to pay attention to "a tradition unlike any other" this weekend, on ESPN and CBS starting Thursday:

The course

The Masters is just visually stunning. The deep shades of green, the red-brown of the mulch and the drastic undulation of the fairways and greens. All with creeks weaving through a bevy of holes with beautiful ancient-looking bridges linking it all.

Last year's champion, Jordan Spieth, knows what it takes to attack a world-class golf course like Augusta National.

"I love courses where you have to use your imagination and a lot of feel," the 22-year-old phenom told PGA.com. "A place that you come back to play every single year in a major, this is the only one. You already have a ton of focus on the golf course and really dissecting, giving it your all that week in a major."

The jacket

Winning the Masters is great. You get a green jacket. Or, in the case of Jack Nicklaus six (four of them for Woods and Arnold Palmer). But just playing in the tournament itself is enough to make grown men cry.

Just ask Jim Herman, who won last week's Shell Houston Open to get the last open spot on the docket to play at Augusta. It was his first career PGA Tour victory — but the win isn't what made him break down on the 72nd green. It was making the Masters.

"Sorry for the tears, but I'm pretty happy," Herman told ESPN last Sunday. "We really did a good job keeping our game plan. We wanted to give ourselves as many birdie chances as we could and keep it low stress. And geez, look what happened. Never thought it was possible."

The golf

The consensus is that this year's tournament will come down to one of the top players in golf.

To win the tournament you need to have a stellar caddy, a mental toughness, length off the tee, accuracy upon your approach and a soft touch on the speedy greens. Or basically, every club in your bag. And then some.

Players who fit that description are confined to a short list that includes Spieth, Jason Day (who won the PGA Championship last year to net his first major), Bubba Watson (a two-time Masters champ), Adam Scott (another former champ) and Mickelson (who has won twice here too).

Rory McIlroy (seeking to complete the career grand slam) and Dustin Johnson (seeking his first major title) are also key contenders.

"There are probably 10, 12, 15 guys you could make a good case for that have a real shot at winning this tournament," Scott told PGA.com, "even with the standard of golf that high."

Take your pick.

There are several legitimate contenders for the year's first major. GETTY IMAGES

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Villanova alum says 2016 title might just be better than 1985

Bryn Mawr's John McGee was in Kentucky when the 1985 Villanova Wildcats upset Georgetown for their first National Championship.

He was at The Pavilion when the 2016 squad won its second title, upsetting North Carolina on a Kris Jenkins buzzer-beater. And though he wasn't in Houston, he was with his son William. What a father-son moment.

Especially since he was wearing his lucky charm around his neck.

"These are my ticket stubs for the 1985 game, which was the greatest day of my life," McGee said minutes after the 77-74 Villanova win, showing off the pieces of paper that got him into the National Championship game 31 years ago. "This might have surpassed that."

As McGee and his son walked onto campus and saw the celebration pour into the streets, he had a deja vu moment.

"I was in Kentucky for that game," he said. "What people described in 1985 is what is happening on campus, it was very much like that."

The magnitude of what happened Monday night is not lost on current students either.

"This has literally been history in the making," Villanova senior Nariman Amin said. "People look back at the '85 kids and say, 'They made history,' and now I get to be part of that history in 2016."

For Villanova's recruiters, it was a perfect night. Just ask high school junior William McGee.

"That was absolutely amazing," he said, noting that he was strongly considering attending Nova a year and a half from now.

EVAN MACY

The celebration continues later this week with a Center City parade. MICHELLE GUSTAFSON

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The **Committee of the Whole** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016**, at **6:00 PM**, at **Concilio, 141 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Phila., PA 19124**, to hear testimony on the following items:

160170 An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2017-2022 inclusive.

160171 An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2017 Capital Budget.

160172 An Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

160180 Resolution providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2017 through 2021, and incorporating proposed changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2016, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, authorized by an Ordinance of this Council approved by the Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563-A), by and between the City and the Authority.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

Michael Decker
Chief Clerk

Sunshine Law, Freire Charter School. The location of the April 13, 2016 meeting of Freire Charter School's Board of Directors has changed. The Board of Directors will now meet at 2027 Chestnut Street. The date and time of this meeting remain as initially scheduled.

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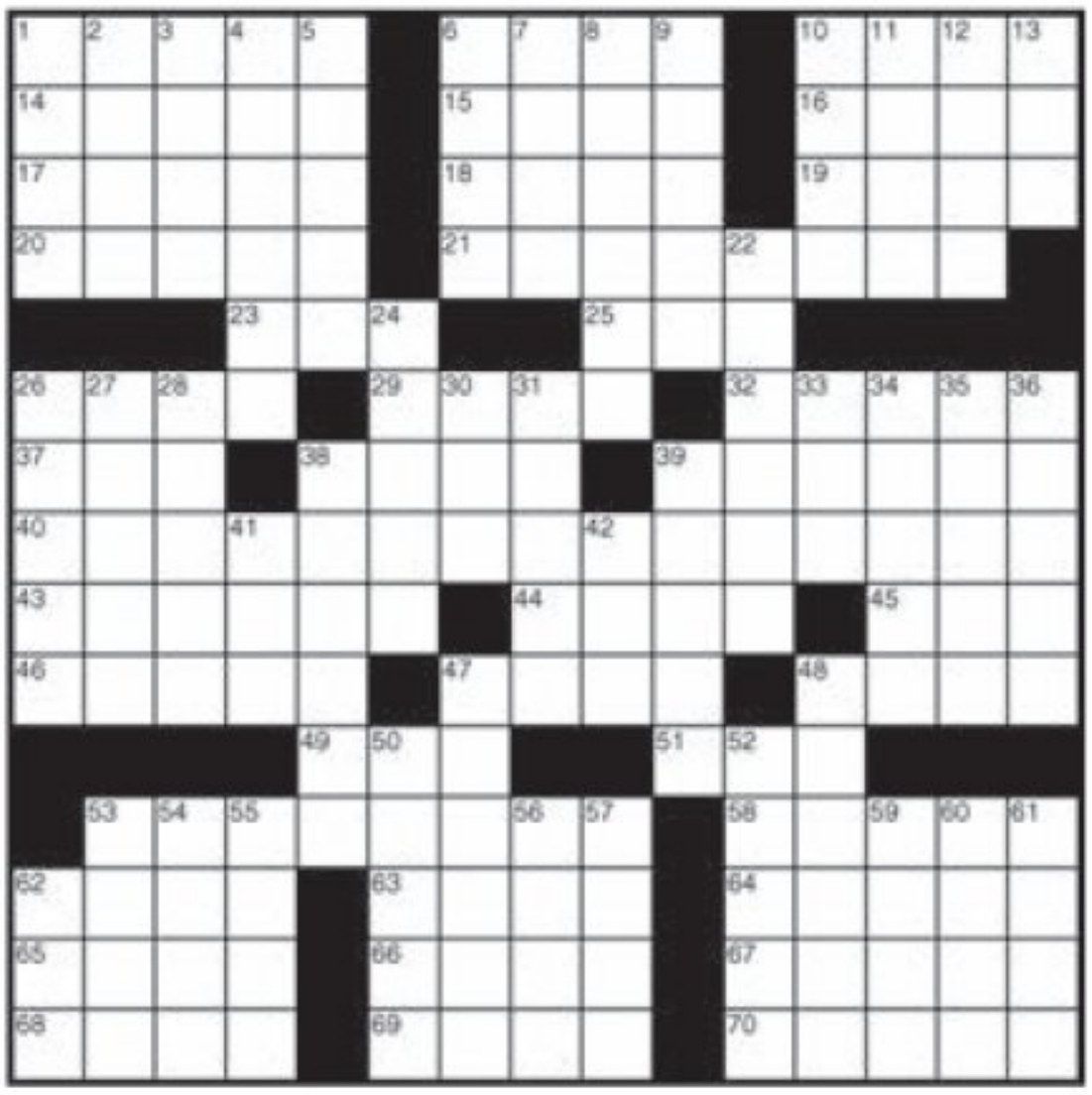

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Aries You need to face emotional issues head-on. Settle any differences you have so that you can freely move forward. Compromise will help you maintain a relationship.

Taurus An aggressive tone will help you get what you want. Offering an incentive will be enough to keep everyone happy and allow you to maintain a favored position.

Gemini Do what you can to make a difference. Suggest reforms that will bring about a superior work or home environment. Don't feel you have to make a cash donation.

Cancer Work alone until you are sure that what you have to present is perfect. If you leave room for criticism, someone will interfere and ruin your plans.

Leo Take a chance to get what you want up and running. Recognize what you are up against and plan ahead to counteract anyone or anything that may get in your way.

Virgo Someone will overreact if you are too revealing. Bide your time and make subtle changes that won't be detected by someone looking for a fight.

Libra You'll be questioning others' actions or feelings. Don't be too quick to divulge your concerns. Diplomacy is encouraged if you want to eventually get your way.

Scorpio Express your thoughts. Sharing will encourage you to follow through with the changes you've been contemplating. A simple solution will make a big difference.

Sagittarius Strive for greater personal security. Don't let anyone persuade you to follow a path that doesn't suit you. Don't feel guilty. Do what makes you happy.

Capricorn Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone railroad you into something. You may want to please, but that doesn't mean you should jeopardize your reputation.

Aquarius You should aim to make personal changes that will result in compliments. A trendy look will impress someone you love. Romance will result in a better relationship.

Pisces Stick to promises you know you can handle. You'll be working long hours if you underestimate the extent of a job. Patience and planning will be required. EUGENIA LAST

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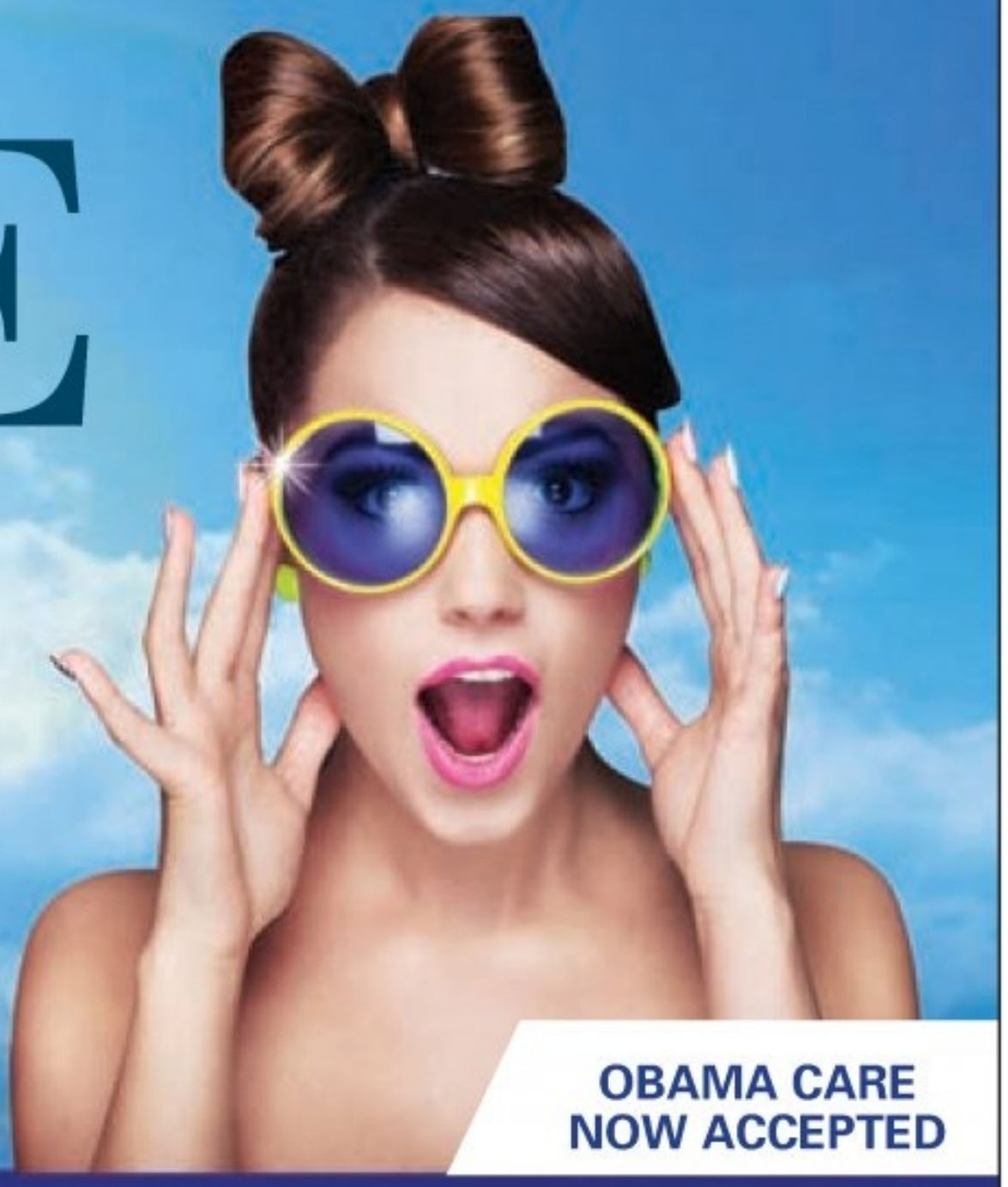

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